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REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application. Applicants request reconsideration of the subject application based on the following remarks.

As an initial matter, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Box 11 of the Office Action Summary was inadvertently checked. That is, the Examiner has indicated that there is not an objection to the oath or declaration originally filed with the application.

Claims 1-3 and 12-13 are pending in the application. Claims 4-11 and 14-19 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter cancelled from the amended claims in this or a subsequent application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in this or a subsequent application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-3 and 12-13.

The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter of the application. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected claims.

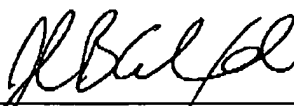
Early consideration of the application and claims as amended is earnestly solicited.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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